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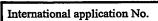


INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference JYMH-2-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION	SeeNotificationofTransmittalofInternational Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)				
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and is transmitted to the applicant a	according to Article 36.		national Preliminary Examining Authority			
2. This REPORT consists of a total of4 sheets, including this cover sheet. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).						
These annexes consist of a t	total of sheets.					
3. This report contains indications relating to the following items: Basis of the report						
I Priority						
III Non-establishmen	t of opinion with regard to nove	lty, inventive	step and industrial applicability			
V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement						
VI Certain documents cited						
VII Certain defects in the international application						
VIII Certain observations on the international application						
Date of submission of the demand	Date	e of completion	of this report			
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I. Basis of the report					
1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*					
the international application as originally filed					
the description: '					
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 With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item. These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:					
furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.					
The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.					
The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.					
4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:					
the description, pages					
the claims, Nos.					
the drawings, sheets/fig					
This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**					
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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.					

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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
	citations and explanations supporting such statement

			
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-2	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-2	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-2	YES
·	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

- Document 1: JP 11-59551 A (Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.), 2
 March 1999
- Document 2: JP 2002-67741 A (Yamaha Motor Co., Ltd.), 8
 March 2002
- Document 3: Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the Japanese Utility Model
 Application No. 163905/1984 (Laid-open No. 81042/1986) (Suzuki Motor Corporation), 29 May 1986
- Document 4: US 6357545 B1 (Honda Giken Kabushiki Kaisha), 19 May 2002

The invention set forth in claim 1 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 to 3 or documents 1, 2 and 4. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to dispose an automatic transmission actuating device behind the cylinder block and above the transmission as described in documents 3 or 4, in the motorcycle with automatic transmission set forth in documents 1 and 2 which support the background art described in the description.

The invention set forth in claim 2 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2 and



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document 4. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to dispose an automatic transmission actuating device between two straight lines on left and right connecting the contact surface of the tire of a motorcycle and the tips of the left and right footpegs in the width direction of the motorcycle onto which the rider places his/her feet, as described in document 4, in the motorcycle set forth in documents 1 and 2, which support the background art described in the description.